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Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
S-208 Capitol

Dear Senator McConnell,


I am requesting that I be consulted before the Senate enters into any unanimous consent agreements regarding H.J. Res. 20, the 2007 Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution. As you know, this omnibus bill appropriates \$463,456,000,000 to fund nine appropriations bills for the remainder of fiscal year 2007.

Senators should not be denied the opportunity to debate and amend such a far reaching bill that funds nearly all aspects of the federal government's domestic and foreign aid programs.

I would, therefore, object to any unanimous consent agreement that prohibits amendments. Likewise, I would perceive any parliamentary maneuvers employed to block amendments as a counterproductive move that invites and encourages similar tactics on other legislation that is brought before the Senate in the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you for protecting my rights in regards to this important legislation.

Sincerely,


Tom A. Coburn, M.D.
U.S. Senator

Mitch - I will be happy to discuss with you!